

Life 'Round Here

Objective

Eighth graders will work with a partner to create their own digital story (using Keynote or Powerpoint) that depicts their personal views of “Life ‘Round Here” answering the question:

Tell us, what is it really like to go to West Central Middle School.

Life ‘Round Here is a global project connecting classrooms from around the world. Through digital storytelling, students will have the opportunity to not only share their view of their world but to broaden their view of the world at large and develop an understanding of their interconnectedness with others in the world.

Materials/Resources

- Digital cameras
- Computers
- Creative Mind
- www.learninghub.wikispaces.com/Life+%27Round+Here+2010

Procedures (digital storytelling)

1. Decide what will be your focus?
 - ★ You will need to determine the following:
 - Who is your audience?
 - What is your consistent and narrowed topic?
 - How will you convey a clear point to the audience?
 - What details will you need to support your message?
2. Select at least two of the following to focus on:
 - ★ Academics
 - ★ Activities/Extracurriculars
 - ★ Friends
 - ★ Community
3. Complete Storyboard (linked from class website)
 - ★ Include descriptions of pictures

- ★ Include script for each voice narration. Your language needs to be descriptive and cover your five senses. Make sure to use vivid verbs and descriptive adjectives appropriately.
- 4. Take pictures
- 5. Create your digital story in PowerPoint
 - ★ Insert pictures
 - ★ Add title slides and credit slides
 - ★ Record Voice Narration and set up to play.
 - If you are not sure how to do this, see video tutorial on Mrs. Rhoades website (kristenrhoades.wikispaces.com)
- 6. Present to your class and then upload your final project to Life 'Round Here 2011 wiki.